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JURY CONVICTS MACY WOMAN OF ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that after an Omaha trial in front of United States District Chief Judge Joseph F. Bataillon that began on June 27, 2011, and ended June 30, 2011, the jury returned a guilty verdict against Amanda Bird, 24, of Macy, Nebraska, on the charge of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. Her sentencing is set for October 6, 2011.

On August 30, 2010, the Omaha Nation Law Enforcement Services requested the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in investigating an assault that occurred in Macy, Nebraska. Bird and the victim were both at a party. An argument broke out which led to a fight that eventually involved the victim being stabbed with a knife. When Officers responded to a call on this incident, they observed Bird approach the officers with a large butcher knife in her hand. Bird refused to comply with officer demands to drop the knife, and the officers were forced to deploy a Taser device on Bird. Video from the deployment of the device shows Bird advancing on the officers with a knife in hand. The video also shows the victim with an injury to his left arm sitting on the ground. According to medical records from the incident, the victim sustained a 5.5 centimeter "oblique slicing laceration" on his left forearm, and smaller punctures on his left arm. The laceration required suturing to repair.

The case was investigated by the Omaha Nation Law Enforcement Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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